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SENATE BILL No. 75

DIGEST OF SB 75 (Updated January 13, 2016 4:27 pm - DI 87)

Citations Affected: IC 6-1.1.

Synopsis: Local government liaison. Requires the department of local government finance (DLGF) to designate a staff member to direct inquiries or requests for assistance from local government officials to the appropriate staff person or entity. Requires the DLGF to report annually regarding the services provided by the department.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

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January 5, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.
January 14, 2016, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-35.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2016]:

4 **Chapter 35.8. Local Government Liaison**

5 **Sec. 1. For purposes of this chapter, "local government official"**
6 **means an elected official or staff member representing or serving**
7 **a taxing unit or political subdivision.**

8 **Sec. 2. The department shall designate one (1) of its staff**
9 **members as the department's liaison for local government. The**
10 **designee shall be responsible for directing inquiries or other**
11 **requests for assistance from local government officials to the**
12 **appropriate department staff person or appropriate entity, as**
13 **applicable.**

14 **Sec. 3. The department shall provide notice to local government**
15 **officials of the name and contact information for the individual**
16 **designated under section 2 of this chapter. The department shall**
17 **make reasonable efforts to ensure that local government officials**

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1 are provided with this information.

2 **Sec. 4.** The department shall annually conduct informational
3 sessions for local government officials through workshops,
4 presentations, or other means on topics including budget
5 preparation under IC 6-1.1-17, property assessment under
6 IC 6-1.1, and use of the Indiana gateway for governmental units.

7 **Sec. 5. (a)** The department shall prepare an annual report of the
8 activities conducted under this chapter.

9 **(b)** The annual report must include a summary of the services
10 provided by the department for the year the report was prepared.

11 **(c)** The annual report shall be distributed in an electronic
12 format under IC 5-14-6 to the following:

13 **(1)** The legislative council.

14 **(2)** The interim study committee on fiscal policy established
15 by IC 2-5-1.3-4.

16 **(3)** The chairpersons and ranking minority members of the
17 house committee on ways and means and the senate
18 committee on tax and fiscal policy.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Local Government, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 75, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 4, delete "Assistance Program" and insert "**Liaison**".

Page 1, delete lines 5 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 1. For purposes of this chapter, "local government official" means an elected official or staff member representing or serving a taxing unit or political subdivision.

Sec. 2. The department shall designate one (1) of its staff members as the department's liaison for local government. The designee shall be responsible for directing inquiries or other requests for assistance from local government officials to the appropriate department staff person or appropriate entity, as applicable.

Sec. 3. The department shall provide notice to local government officials of the name and contact information for the individual designated under section 2 of this chapter. The department shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that local government officials are provided with this information.

Sec. 4. The department shall annually conduct informational sessions for local government officials through workshops, presentations, or other means on topics including budget preparation under IC 6-1.1-17, property assessment under IC 6-1.1, and use of the Indiana gateway for governmental units."

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 7.

Page 2, line 8, delete "3." and insert "**5.**".

Page 2, line 10, delete "the following:" and insert "**a summary of the services provided by the department for the year the report was prepared.**".

Page 2, delete lines 11 through 14.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 75 as introduced.)

HEAD, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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